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FORM 10. PROOF OF CLAIM

United States Bankruptcy Court	Proof of Claim			
Southern District of Texas			111	
In re (Name of Debtor)	Case Nur		UNIT	ED STATES COURTS
STAGE STORES INC 76 0107711		8 H2 11	SOUTH	ERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
NOTE: This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative expense arising after the commencement of the case. A "request for payment of an administrative expense may be filed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503.				
Name of Creditor	Che	ck box if you are aware that anyone else has		AUG 0 2 2000
(The persons or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property) ENERGAS GAS COMPANY		roof of claim relating to your claim. Attach	copy or	
A Division of Atmos Energy Corportation	sintemen	t giving particulars.	Mich	ALN Milhu Clark
Name and Address Where Notices Should be Sent	Che	t giving particulars. ck box if you have never received any notice	s from the	acı in miny, oiçin
Jeff Perryman, Legal Assistant	bankrupt	cy court in this case.		
Atmos Energy Corporation				
P. O. Box 650205	$\sqrt{}$ Check box if this address differs from the address on the			
Dallas, TX 75265-0205	envelope sent to you by the court.			
Telephone No.: 972 855 3736	* -			
ACCOUNT OR OTHER NUMBER BY WHICH CREDITOR IDENTIFIES DEBTOR:	Check he	re if this claimrcplaces a previously fil	ed claim, da	ted:
564974 / 676984		amends		
1. BASIS FOR CLAIM				
J.	<u> </u>	ree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a		
VGoods Sold NATURAL GASServices Performed		es, salaries, and compensation (Fill out belo	w)	
services retrormed Money Loaned		r social security number		· · · • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Personal Injury/Wrongful Death		m:to		
Taxes		(date)	(date)	
Other (Describe briefly)				
2. DATE DEBT WAS INCURRED: 2-18-1991 THROUGH 6-1-2000	3. IF CO	URT JUDGMENT, DATE OBTAINED:		
4. CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIM. Under the Bankruptcy code all) Unsecured	nonpriority, (2)
Unsecured Priority, (3) Secured. It is possible for part of a claim to be in one category and part in another. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX OR BOXES that best describe your claim and STATE THE AMOUNT OF THE CLAIM AT TIME CASE FILED.				
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SECURED CLAIM \$	_	UNSECURED PRIORITY CLAIM \$		<u></u>
Attach evidence of perfection of security interest		Specify the priority of the claim.		
Brief Description of Collateral: Real EstateMotor VehicleOther (Describe brief	lv)	Wages, salarles, or commissions (up		
	~//	days before filing of the bankruptcy petiti business, whichever is carlier) - 11 U.S.C.		
Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in		Contributions to an employee benefit		
secured claim above, if any \$	_	Up to \$900 of deposits toward purch:	ase, lease, or	rental of property or
	services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6)			
VUNSECURED NONFRIORITY CLAIMS 94.56	Taxes or penalties of governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7)			
A claim is unsecured if there is no collateral or lien on property of theOther - Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)				C. § 507(a)
debtor securing the claim or to the extent that the value of such prop	erty			
is less than the amount of the claim. 5. TOTAL AMOUNT		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
OF CLAIM AT TIME \$_94.58 \$			94.58_	
CASE FILED: 6-1-2000 (Unsecured)	Secured)	(Priority)	TOTAL	
Check this box if claim includes charges in addition to the princi	ipal amoun	t of the claim. Attach itemized statement of	all addition	al charges.
6. CREDITS AND SETOFFS: The amount of all payments on this c	laim has b	en credited and deducted for the purpose of	f making	
this proof of claim. In filing this claim, claimant due has deducted al	l amounts t	hat claimant owes to debtor.		
7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices,				
itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, or evidence of security interests. If the documents are not				
available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.				
8. TIME-STAMPED COPY: To receive an acknowledgment of the	filing of vo	ur claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed (envelape	
and copy of this proof of claim.	11.5			
Date	Sign and	print the name and title, if any, of the credi	tor or v of namer	\ \(\)
JUNE 27, 2000	other person authorized to file this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any)			
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Ken Hamilton, Collection Coordinator

Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. \$5 152 and 3571.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Southern District of Texas

Notice of

Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case, Meeting of Creditors, & Deadlines

A chapter 11 bankruptcy case concerning each of the debtor corporations listed below was filed on June 1, 2000.

You may be a creditor of one or more of the debtor(s), This notice lists important deadlines. You may want to consult an attorney to protect your rights. All documents filed in the cases may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below. NOTE: The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

See Reverse Side For Important Explanations.

Jointly Administered Under Debtor (name(s), case numbers and address): Case Number 00-35078-H2-11 Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corp.; Case No. 00-35078-H2-11 Taxpayer ID Nos: Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corp.; Case No. 00-35079-H2-11 Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Dallas corp.; Case No. 00-35080-H2-76-0407711 (Stage Stores, Inc.) 10210 Main Street 74-0821900 (Specialty Retailers, Inc.) Houston, TX 77025-5229 91-1826900 (Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV)) Toll Free Number: 1-800-804-2013 (for case information) Attorney for Debtors (name and address): Attorneys for Debtors Telephone Number: Toll Free 1-877-559-9672

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Information may also be obtained from the following website:

Website address: www.stagestoresbankruptcv.com

Meeting of Creditors

Date: 7/11/00 Time: 2:00 () A.M. Location: U.S. Courthouse

(X) P.M.

Jury Assembly Room
515 Rusk, 6th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

Deadlines to File a Proof of Claim

Proofs of Claim must be received by the bankruptcy clerk's office by the following deadline:

For all creditors (except a governmental unit): 10/9/00 For a governmental unit: 11/28/00

Mail claim to: U.S. Bankruptcy Court

P.O. Box 61288 Houston, TX 77208

Creditors May Not Take Certain Actions:

The filing of the bankruptcy case automatically stays certain collection and other actions against the debtor and the debtor's property. If you attempt to collect a debt or take other action in violation of the Bankruptcy Code, you may be penalized.

Address of the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office:

515 Rusk Avenue

1" Floor

Houston, Texas 77002

Telephone number: 713/250-5115

Hours Open: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Por the Court:

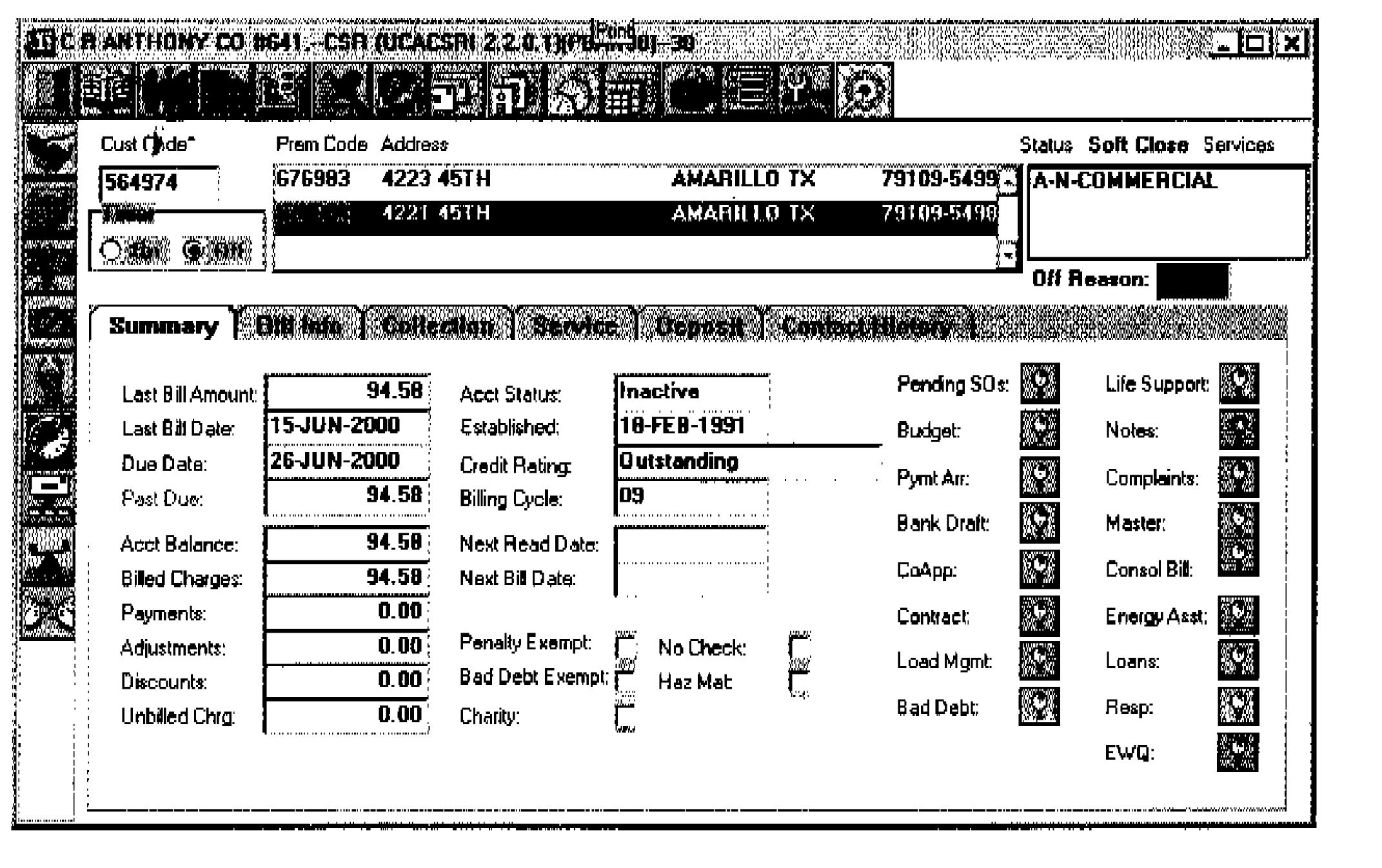
Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court:

Michael N. Millog Clerk

Date:

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